

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: February 19, 2002

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Deborah Looker, Directors John Britton, Lee Moldaver, Richard Udd and Rich Untermann and General Manager Gary Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Browning Allen (City of Santa Barbara), and Jill Yarussi (MTD)

1. Call to Order

Chair Looker called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Chair Looker noted that all directors were present but Director Untermann.

3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

General Manager Gary Gleason reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters one week prior to the meeting and mailed to local media of general circulation.

4. Approval of Minutes

Director Britton moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of February 5, 2002. Director Moldaver seconded the motion. Director Udd noted that he had suggested that the MTD board meet to discuss its goals for future cooperation with Easy Lift prior to meeting with Easy Lift's board.

The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

5. Cash Report and Payment of Claims

Director Moldaver moved to adopt the cash reports and payment of claims for the periods of January 29, 2002 through February 11, 2002. Director Udd seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion to approve the cash report was passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

At this time, Director Untermann entered the meeting.

6. Rejection of Claims

Director Moldaver moved to reject the claims of Ms. Lorraine DeHaas, MTD Claim #NI-072501-LDH, #NI-101801-LDH and #NI-121901-LDH. Director Untermann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment

Browning Allen, from the City of Santa Barbara, was present to observe and participate.

8. General Manager's Report

The General Manager reported that there was a meeting between Southern California Edison (SCE), Sempra Energy and MTD representatives to discuss the soil remediation plan and that a resolution of the issue is pending.

Mr. Gleason noted that MTD managers are preparing for the annual Federal Transportation Administration's Triennial Review which starts next week. Director Udd suggested that a finance committee meeting be scheduled.

The General Manager stated that plans to either refurbish or rebuild the Transit Center are being discussed and that the City of Santa Barbara is working cooperatively with MTD representatives to determine the best way to proceed.

Mr. Gleason noted that the Cota garage expansion is nearly completed and that relocation of maintenance staff will take place as soon as the office furniture is ordered and received.

The General Manager reported that Paseo Nuevo and La Cumbre have been sold to a company that restructures malls into urban villages with mixed uses. Mr. Gleason stated that the MTD will try to work with this company to help provide a transit element to this project.

9. Other Business and Committee Reports

Chair Looker told the board that her term as an MTD director is up in March, 2002 and that she will not seek another term on the board. Chair Looker stated that the decision was difficult and that she will meet with Supervisor Schwartz to discuss potential predecessors. The General Manager asked Chair Looker how she felt MTD has changed over the years and Chair Looker stated that the MTD has taken huge strides and implemented more innovative service programs. Director Untermann stated that Chair Looker will be missed and suggested a farewell celebration.

Director Untermann reported that the property committee has been interviewing several candidates for the Calle Real management project and that the interviews should be completed by the end of next week. The board decided that if a candidate couldn't be chosen from the original pool, then new candidates could be brought in for additional interviews. Director Britton noted that a budget needs to be developed for this project.

Director Moldaver noted that there is an SBCAG meeting in Santa Barbara on Thursday to update on STIP funding. The General Manager stated that the MTD projects that have been submitted are for CMAQ funding so nothing should be affected.

10. Adjournment

Director Moldaver moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Udd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.